

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

## Missional Living

**Acts 1:8**

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Local Outreach is not a specialized ministry that a particular team is called to; it is the intentional activity of missional living that all disciples of Jesus Christ are called to do in everyday life, in the context of a local church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it loves and serves its community.

### **1. The Big Picture – What is the mission? (Acts 1:8)**

It requires power to carry out.

The mission is to be witnesses of Jesus Christ and His gospel.

1. God created us, but we are sinners who justly deserve eternal punishment.
2. God graciously provided a way to save us, by sending Jesus who lived a perfect life, died as a substitute on the cross, and rose again.
3. God calls us to turn from our sin and to fully believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness and eternal life.

### **2. The Details – How do we do the mission? Three Necessary Attitudes**

Devotion (2:42-47)

Generosity (2:44-46; 4:34-35)

Boldness (4:13, 29-31)

### **3. The Outcomes – What can we expect as we're doing the mission?**

Annoyed people (4:1-2)

Astonished people (3:10-11)

Added people (2:41, 47; 4:4)

#### **Questions to Consider**

1. Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8. What is our mission as believers in Jesus Christ?
2. Thinking about Acts 1:8 and the Christian life, how do we experience this power from the Holy Spirit, and what are some counterfeits to this power that we might rely on instead?
3. In practical terms, what does it look like for you to be a witness for Jesus Christ in your everyday life? Are there people or areas of life where this has been especially challenging?
4. Without looking at notes, what are the crucial elements of the gospel that you would ideally seek to communicate to an unbeliever?
5. Much of what we see in Acts is descriptive (describing conditions in the early church), and not prescriptive (specifically prescribing these things for all time). Looking at Acts 2:42-47, what parts of that description are prescribed elsewhere in the New Testament for local churches?
6. An attitude of generosity is clearly seen among the early believers, but where else in the New Testament might we look for instruction on giving to enable a local church to carry on ministry?
7. Which of these attitudes (devotion, generosity, boldness) do you need others to pray for God to grow you in?
8. Please commit to pray regularly for yourself and the body of Grace Bible Church to embrace a deep devotion to missional living.